



READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer the questions below. There might be more than one correct answer for some questions.

Cristiano Ronaldo wins Ballon d'Or over Lionel Messi & Manuel Neuer

Real Madrid forward, Cristiano Ronaldo, has won the Ballon d'Or world footballer of the year award for the second year in a row. The Portugal captain beat Barcelona forward, Lionel Messi, and Bayern Munich goalkeeper, Manuel Neuer, to the award.

Wolfsburg and Germany midfielder, Nadine Kessler, was named women's player of the year, while Colombia's, James Rodriguez, won goal of the year. Germany's World Cup winner, Joachim Low, won men's coach of the year, and Wolfsburg boss, Ralf Kellermann, was named women's football coach of the year after a successful defence of the Champions League.

The three candidates for the Ballon d'Or were all picked in the team of the year, along with defenders Philipp Lahm, David Luiz, Thiago Silva and Sergio Ramos, midfielders Andrés Iniesta, Toni Kroos and Angel Di Maria, and forward Arjen Robben.

Ballon d'Or

Cristiano Ronaldo successfully defended his world player of the year status convincingly with 37.66% of all votes, winning for a third time. Barcelona and Argentina counterpart, Lionel Messi, who won four years in a row until Ronaldo beat him last year, was second on 15.76%. He was narrowly ahead of Bayern Munich and Germany keeper, Manuel Neuer, who had 15.72%.

Ronaldo, who scored 52 goals in 43 games during 2014, looked emotional when collecting the award from former France, Barcelona and Arsenal striker Thierry Henry. The 29-year-old said: "I would like to thank all of those who voted for me, my president, my coach and Real Madrid. It has been an unforgettable year. To win this trophy at the end of it is something incredibly unique."

Women's World Player of the Year

Wolfsburg and Germany midfielder, Nadine Kessler, was named women's player of the year. The 26-year-old beat Brazil's Marta and United States international Abby Wambach. Kessler said: "My heart is beating madly at the moment. I don't think I ever thought in my life I would achieve this moment. Without my team-mates and my coach, this would never have been possible. I have a great degree of gratitude that I must give to my family. They have seen me through all the difficult times."

Puskas Award

Colombia's James Rodriguez , 23, won the Fifa goal of the year award for his World Cup strike against Uruguay, beating Irish woman Stephanie Roche. She had hoped to be the first female winner of the Puskas Award.

Questions

- 1. Last year, the Ballon d'Or was not awarded to...**
 - a. Cristiano Ronaldo
 - b. Lionel Messi
 - c. Andrés Iniesta

- 2. The person who was named the best female football coach of the year was...**
 - a. Nadine Kessler
 - b. Joachin Low
 - c. Ralf Kellerman

- 3. Who was the runner-up among the three finalists?**
 - a. Lionel Messi
 - b. Cristiano Ronaldo
 - c. Manuel Neuer

- 4. The person who was named the best female player of the year was...**
 - a. Abby Wambach, from United States
 - b. Nadine Kessler, from Germany
 - c. Marta, from Brazil

- 5. Puskas Award is a trophy for...**
 - a. the best goal of the year
 - b. the best men's coach of the year
 - c. the best women's coach of the year